440 STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A student's exercise of rights and privileges in the school setting depends upon his/her age, maturity, and, to an extent, the standards of the community.

No right is absolute. Every right has its limitations. One basic limitation is this: the freedom of an individual or group to exercise rights ceases when that exercise unduly infringes upon the rights of others. Since the legitimate rights of individuals may be incompatible, it is necessary to recognize that rights must be balanced to protect as many persons as possible.

Teachers and students should promote tolerance for the views and opinions of others, as well as for the right of an individual to form and hold different opinions and beliefs.

Each student has a right to an education. Student behavior that unduly disrupts classwork involves a substantial disorder, or invades the rights of others will not be tolerated.

The administration of this code must be done following state law and Board policy.

CROSS-REFERENCE: 447.3 (Student Suspensions and Expulsions)

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